

Money Plagues Colleges As Education Cost Climbs

NEW YORK (AP) — The rising cost of higher education has led to steep increases in college tuition charges across America, a nationwide survey shows.

In extreme cases, fees have more than doubled within five years. Some state schools have been driven recently to charging tuition for the first time. In California, a row which developed when Gov. Ronald Reagan proposed tuition fees for resident students resulted in the ousting of Clark Kerr as president of the University of California. Kerr had opposed both tuition and Reagan's proposal to cut the university's budget.

Many educators have expressed fear that mounting student charges will deprive children of low income families of a chance to attend college.

Don Stevens, a member of the Michigan State University Board of Trustees, said: "Tuition is wrong in public education. It discriminates against low income families and against girls."

"If there were a boy and a girl in the same family, the boy gets the nod. The brightest kids from low-income families don't go to college," Stevens said.

Taking note of mounting educational costs, Gov. Kenneth

M. Curtis of Maine had this comment in his inaugural address on Jan. 5.

"Our long-range objective must be free education beyond high school for every Maine boy and girl who has the desire and talent to use this education. We will not achieve this objective during my administration."

A student point of view was voiced by Dan Allison, a member of the University of Oregon Student Senate:

"We believe that higher education should be available to all who wish to take advantage of it, and raising tuition does not move in this direction."

A pending proposal to raise tuition fees in 22 state-supported colleges in Texas by a total of \$44 million during the next two years was denounced by U. S. Sen. Ralph Yarborough as "a tax on students" and "an anti-education measure."

But almost everywhere, the fees go up and up.

Tuition at the University of Minnesota costs resident students \$375 a year, compared with \$275.45 five years ago, and nonresidents \$921, compared with \$662.55.

Utah State University charges residents \$282 against \$880 in 1960, and nonresidents \$639

against \$285.

At Indiana's Purdue University the tuition for residents went from \$240 to \$330 in the past five years, and for nonresidents from \$750 to \$950.

In 10 years, resident student tuition at the University of South Carolina has gone from \$200 to \$540, and nonresident tuition from \$370 to \$990.

In the 1965-66 academic year, state residents paid \$220 at the University of Wisconsin, nonresidents \$600. This year the figures are \$325 and \$1,050.

The University of New Hampshire charged residents \$380 five years ago, nonresidents \$800. Now the charges are \$480 and \$1,025, and the fee for nonresidents goes up next September to \$1,375.

Georgia's state-supported schools held fees at the 1962 level until this academic year, when there was an increase averaging 33 per cent. At Georgia Tech, resident students now pay \$305 a year, nonresidents \$1,005.

"The increases were made because it was necessary to get operating funds," explained Dr. Harry Downs, assistant vice chancellor of the University System of Georgia.

In Illinois, the proposed budget for higher education in 1967-68 is \$600 million, up 40 per cent from the preceding bi-

ennium, and some college administrations regard tuition increases as inevitable. The

purpose of making up a budget cut must be considered a tax on education. Such a

Teachers announced plans for a march on Sacramento, the capital, by 10,000 educators, students and parents on Feb. 11 to "resist Gov. Reagan's attack on public education."

Reagan denounced his critics as "hysterical" and said they might change their tune when they get a look at his forthcoming state budget.

New York, where 24 undergraduate schools had been tuition-free to resident students, adopted a uniform tuition schedule in 1963 which required payment from almost all who attend state institutions of higher learning.

Resident undergraduates pay \$400, nonresidents \$600. Students at graduate schools, both resident and nonresident, pay \$600. At medical, dental, law and other professional schools the charge is \$800 for residents, \$1,000 for nonresidents.

However, New York also has what it calls "scholar incentive program," applying only to resident students, which is based on family net income. An undergraduate student

from a family with taxable income of less than \$1,800 pays nothing. If income is \$1,800 to \$7,500 the student pays \$200 and the state reimburses the college for the other \$200. If the income is more than \$7,500 the student pays \$380 and the state \$100.

Increasing costs have hit private schools just as hard as those supported by the state, and tuition charges have risen accordingly.

The questions of higher education: Should everyone go to college? How much tuition is fair to the students? How much control should state governments have over public universities?

University of Illinois charges resident students \$270 a year, nonresidents \$370, compared with \$238 and \$580 in 1961.

California's academic blow-up came when Reagan, newly elected governor, proposed state educational budget cuts of about 10 per cent, with an offsetting tuition charge-first in history on resident students. He suggested \$400 a year at the University of California's nine campuses and \$200 at the 18-campus California State colleges.

Nonresident students in California now pay \$960 a year plus a \$219 incidentals fee, compared with \$500 and \$120 five years ago.

Jesse M. Unruh, Democrat speaker of the State Assembly, protested: "Tuition charged solely for

proposal demands the most through study we can make before it is enacted." The California Federation of

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